



COUNTRY LAKES ESTATES

WIRE

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SUMMER FUN IS ON THE WAY!

This is the second edition of our quarterly Country Lakes Estates Wire (C.L.E.W.). We received positive feedback on our first issue, and hope you enjoy this one as well. So many good things have been happening behind the scenes all year, and we are excited to report on the progress. The Board set many goals for 2008. Many of these goals have already been achieved, but there is still a lot of work to be done. We encourage all residents to get involved in our neighborhood and volunteer to help on the new Committees. The CLEW is an important source for our Community information, as are the monthly Board meetings. Be sure to also check our website for news and updates: www.countrylakesha.com. As always, we welcome any comments or suggestions you may have to make Country Lakes Estates a better place to live. Enjoy the Summer!



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THE BOARD WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING RESIDENTS FOR VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME & EFFORTS OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS:

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THE BOARD WISHES TO THANK THESE COMPANIES FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS OR DISCOUNTS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS:

G & I Prof. Maintenance, Broadview Hts.
Michael Angelo Bakery, Broadview Hts.
Royal Victorian Gardens, North Royalton
Sherwin-Williams Company, Brecksville

DID YOU KNOW?

COUNTRY LAKES ESTATES IS NOW PART OF A BLOCK WATCH? SIGNS DESIGNATING OUR COMMUNITY AS A "CRIME WATCH ZONE" WERE RECENTLY PLACED AT OUR FRONT AND BACK ENTRANCEWAYS AS THE FIRST STEP IN SETTING UP OUR BLOCK WATCH. THE BH POLICE ARE NOW MAKING A STRONGER PRESENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BY PATROLLING OUR STREETS MORE OFTEN. RESIDENTS CAN HELP BY SIMPLY STAYING ALERT AND AWARE OF ANY STRANGERS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. NOTIFY THE STREET AND CONDO CAPTAINS AND/OR THE BH POLICE (526-5400) IF A SITUATION ARISES THAT LOOKS SUSPICIOUS. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS WE TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO MAKE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD MORE SECURE.

BOARD NEWS & REPORTS

The collapsing lake wall continues to be a focus of our attention. As the new Board, we are determined to resolve this problem for the betterment of the entire CLCA. We have met with several engineers and contractors about removing the wall, but we have not yet chosen the company to do the job. As our Code of Regulations stipulates, voting ballots will go out to all residents before any work is started. As reported in our last issue of CLEW, our attorney sent a demand letter to the original contractor who built the

faulty wall. No response was received. We are presently exploring any and all legal remedies available to us. We will update you as information arises on this issue. On a good note, we've met with our newly formed Committees and they are off to a great start putting their plans in motion. Issues recently resolved include approval of certain structures in homeowners' backyards, hiring new Landscaping and Irrigation companies (at a substantial savings to our Association), improving the pool

area, revising the Pool and Recreation Center rules, planting flowers, painting the swing set, updating our website, and setting up our new neighborhood Block Watch. We will continue to encourage residents to stay informed and attend our monthly Board meetings. The Homeowners Board meets on the third Monday of each month and the Condo Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Signs are posted on meeting days. Please join us to get involved in your Community!

TREASURER'S NOTE: Rob is pleased to report that over 90% of the 2008 CLCA Annual Fees have been received. These fees cover Association costs to maintain all our common properties, such as the entranceway and gazebo, the lake, pool, and Rec Center, as well as the playground and courts. The fees also cover our costs of having Renner Management as our full-service Property Manager. We are exploring the option of going to a part-time Management contract.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

STREET CAPTAINS:

<u>STREET</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>HOMES</u>
Countryside	Cathy Eben	34
Lakeview	Jackie Strnad	8
Scenicview	Patti Kornowski	30
Somerset	*Bill Henning	6
Sunview	*Melanie Hauer	8
Northwood	Lori Rader	10
Countryview	Fran Radefeld	38
Crystalwood	Jan Mayer	18
Timberwood	Elena Golsch	13
		165 Total

STREET CAPTAIN LEADER:
Sue Ditzig (440) 237-4747
*New Captains

STREET & CONDO CAPTAINS COMMITTEE

Captains are your representatives for each individual street or building. Please notify them when you have any news, information, or questions you would like relayed to your Board or to the Social / Sunshine Committee. They are saving our Association postage expenses by delivering mail to your doors. You should have received your Captain's contact information by now, but please contact the Street or Condo Captain Leader if you have not.

CONDO CAPTAINS:

<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>
8591	Kay Iglesias
8607	*Laurie Malone
8609	Miriam Keresman
8619	Milt Walker
8621	*Kim Schlieker
8633	Peggy Arnosk
8655	Lois Schnacke
8663	William Kaplar
8665	Cindy Tripoulas
8671	Greg Budzilo
8677	Bernie Masseria

We still need Condo Captains for the Buildings not listed above, so please volunteer!

CONDO CAPTAIN LEADER:
Milt Walker (440) 237-5499
* New Captains

SOCIAL / SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

This Committee has been very busy planning many exciting events for our neighborhood. Just wait until you hear about all the fun parties they have in store for all CLCA residents this year, starting with the first **Pool Party** of the season this **Friday, June 6th!** Join your friends and neighbors to get reacquainted, or make some new friends while enjoying free hot dogs and lemonade poolside during lunch

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(Call to volunteer!)

and dinner hours. A Social calendar listing all the upcoming parties and events is included with this issue of CLEW, so study it carefully because you won't want to miss any of the fun events that have been planned! Back by popular demand is our **Community Garage Sale**, scheduled for **Thursday, June 26th**. Other planned events for the Summer are a **Book Exchange**, a

festive **Island Party**, a fun **Parade/Splash Pool Party**, a **Spaghetti Dinner**, a **Full Moon/Fire Pit Pool Party**, and plans are already in the works for a **Clam Bake** and/or a **Halloween Party** this Fall. Details for each party and event are included in the Social Calendar. Information will also be posted on the website and at the Pool. More exciting news... a **Concession Stand** will be available periodically at the Pool area this Summer, offering the convenience of purchasing inexpensive snacks and drinks. Please consider becoming a member of this fun Committee!

RECREATION CENTER/ GROUNDS/ POOL COMMITTEE

This Committee completed the important task of rewriting the Recreation Center Rental Agreement. The rental fee was reduced to \$100.00 per party, and the rules were rewritten to be more conducive for party atmospheres. Under the new contract, wedding receptions are permitted, as well as music with DJ's, up to 80 guests, signs and decorations, and use of the playground. Rentals have already increased and reservations are being taken for the remainder of this year, and going into 2009. The Pool will be open every day starting Friday, June 6th. By now, you

should have picked up your wristbands, which are required for admission to the Pool this year. Guest wristbands will be available to you at the registration table upon entrance. Please read the 2008 Pool Rules carefully to avoid any problems. Our goal is to make sure all residents enjoy their time at the Pool without having issues or confrontations to spoil the fun. Swim Lessons (two sessions) will be offered by Metro Pools starting Monday, June 16. Information and sign-up sheets will be available at the Pool, so stop by for details. If you like Water Volleyball, a CLCA Team is being formed this month. Games will be on

Friday nights, starting later this month. This Committee also helped with the purchasing and planting of all the lovely flowers throughout our development. If you haven't noticed, take a good look at the flower boxes and Gazebo at the entranceway, the hanging baskets at the Rec Center, and the urns and hanging baskets in the Pool area. This was a big job, and the results are beautiful! Help is needed with keeping the flowers watered, so please consider volunteering. Please call if you are interested in rentals, need information, or to become a mem-